

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (NCPC)

and

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (NCRPC)

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7 February 1955

[] met informally with Mr. John Nolen Jr., Director NCPC to discuss the D. C. Southwest Redevelopment Area.

Mr. Nolen suggested that we discuss our entire site problem with Mr. Bartholomew, Chairman NCPC.

9 February 1955

Col. White, Mr. Garrison and [] met informally with Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Nolen re site selection.

The NCPC representatives did not favor our use of the Langley site and recommended that we consider the N. W. Area (25th & E St.) and an area in the vicinity of Springfield, Virginia.

14 February 1955

Messrs. Garrison, [] and Haggerman (FBS) met with Mr. Carlton Massey, County Executive, and Mr. C. H. Schuman Jr., Chairman Fairfax County, Planning Commission re Regional Planning Council approval of our use of the Langley site.

The Fairfax County representatives indicated their approval of our use of the Langley site.

24 February 1955

Col. White, Mr. Garrison and [] met with the Northern Virginia Regional Planning Commission re our use of the Langley site.

The Commission made no commitment as to their position.

25 February 1955

Col. White, Mr. Garrison and [] met with Mr. Nolen re formal presentation to the NCPC.

Date of 3 March 1955 agreed upon.

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7 April 1955

The NCPC approved the committee reports and then a joint meeting with NCPC was held. Col. White's letter of 4 April 1955 was read.

A joint committee (Col. Lane, Mr. Strobel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Wehrley and Mr. Spellman) was appointed to review all sites within a reasonable radius and to make recommendations.

25 April 1955

We met with the joint committee to discuss sites.

A staff committee consisting of Mr. Conrad, Mr. Watt, Mr. Hunter and Agency representatives was appointed to review sites and make recommendations to the Committee.

26-27 April 1955

The staff committee conferred with various County planning members and analyzed all sites under consideration. A report of their findings was prepared for submission by the Committee to the NCPC and the NCRC.

3 May 1955

The Committee presented their report to the Regional Planning Council.

The Regional Planning Council approved the report.

5 May 1955

The National Capital Planning Commission approved the joint committee report.

April 7, 1955

MEMORANDUM TO: National Capital Planning Commission

SUBJECT : Report on CIA Application for Development of Site near Langley, Virginia

1. Your special committee has reviewed the proposal to locate CIA headquarters on a portion of the Public Roads tract near Langley Corners, Virginia.

2. The future impact of the development upon adjacent areas and services has been reviewed with representatives of the Regional Planning Council. The radical change in character of land use and future development in the area due to this impact will tax the resources of the local authority to the utmost and it will not be possible for them to assume any additional costs due to water, sewage and roads that will be necessary solely to serve the CIA installation. Consequently, it will be necessary for the CIA to be prepared to assume these costs if the development is placed there.

3. The road needs will include:

(1) Provision for a four-lane bridge in the Chain Bridge area either by new construction or widening the present bridge.

(2) Provision for additional lanes on Canal Road at least from Weaver Place to Chain Bridge.

(3) Additional lanes on the present state road from Chain Bridge to the CIA entrance.

(4) Construction of the George Washington Parkway from Spout Run to the Public Roads Research Station, including some additional right-of-way cost due to the rise in land costs which would follow the adoption of the site by the CIA.

(5) Improvement of Weaver Place at least from Canal Road to MacArthur Boulevard.

4. The CIA proposes to obtain water from the Falls Church supply which is presently carried across Chain Bridge by arrangement with Arlington County. Falls Church has arranged with the Army to construct a pipe in the dam which the Army is about to build at Little Falls across the Potomac. It is then contemplated that when Arlington County is no longer

able to furnish Falls Church from the pipe line across Chain Bridge Falls Church would be required to construct a pipe line on the Virginia shore from the site of the dam to connect with their present pipe line leading from Chain Bridge to Falls Church. The CIA development will impose an additional burden upon the supply of water being carried across Chain Bridge and will undoubtedly make it necessary for this above-mentioned pipe line along the Virginia shore to be constructed at an earlier date than would otherwise be necessary.

5. The tentative proposal of the CIA was to dump their sewage into a county main which is proposed to be built along Pimmit Run. The financing of this proposed main is by a revenue bond issue. The first stage of construction is proposed to serve 7,000 persons. Any additional sewage load imposed by the CIA development might change the character of this outfall sewer and the disposal plant necessary to serve it.

6. The special committee has seen Colonel White's letter of April 4 addressed to the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission. It has concluded that the new issues raised by this letter should be referred directly to the Commission by the staff.

7. Although this special committee was empowered to act for the Commission, a change of plans has lifted the urgency for action. The committee is accordingly submitting a recommendation to the Commission, as follows:

RECOMMENDATION: That the CIA application to use a site near Langley, Virginia be approved with the understanding that this development will require Federal assumption of collateral costs to make the installation operable and that a radical change of land use in the area will be entailed.

SIGNED

Colonel T. A. Lane, Chairman

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Harold J. Spelman

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DRAFT RESOLUTION
on
CIA LOCATION

WHEREAS the National Capital Planning Commission has received a request from the Central Intelligence Agency to furnish its views concerning the several sites which have been discussed or others which it may be appropriate to consider as a headquarters for the Agency;

WHEREAS an employment center of this substantial size and importance requires a location well oriented to other Government agencies with which it works regularly and to the community within which it is to be located;

WHEREAS it is the duty of the Commission under the Planning Act of 1952 to consult and advise with the Regional Planning Council and the local planning agencies in the territory affected, if Government establishments are located in the environs of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that consideration be given to any of the following alternative locations:

1. In the central area of the National Capital within areas already authorized for public buildings by the Congress and in accordance with general plans heretofore approved by the National Capital Planning Commission towards which major commitments have already been made, such as in the Northwest Rectangle;
- 2. In Virginia, within relatively close proximity to either the intermediate or outer circumferentials, and in a locality where there is already established a nucleus for an urban environment which an establishment of such size would stimulate and where

public facilities and services are already available or can readily be extended, such as in the southern part of Fairfax County, in Springfield, or in the newly annexed portions of Alexandria;

3. In suburban Maryland, where requirements similar to those set forth for the Virginia area can likewise be met, but not in communities within which large Government agencies have already been established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if this Agency is located outside the District of Columbia, the location and plans for the integration of the establishment into the surrounding community shall be developed in consultation with the local planning agency as well as with the National Capital Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Council.